

PHYLLIS LATKA,  
Plaintiff,  
  
v.  
  
DR. DAVID MILES and  
NEW HANOVER REGIONAL  
MEDICAL CENTER,  
Defendants

This matter comes before the Court on Defendant New Hanover Regional Medical Center's Motion to Seal the records attached to Plaintiff's Sur-Reply, at DE 35-3. The Court takes into account the balance of the competing interest of access to Court records and Local Civil Rule 26.1(a)(1) and the personally sensitive nature of medical records, and finds the request to seal overcomes the common law or the First Amendment presumption to access, and further finds that alternatives to sealing are inadequate. Therefore, the Court will seal the medical records attached to Plaintiff's Sur-Reply, at DE 35-3. While sealed, the medical records remain part of the record of the case. This Order sealing the medical records has no effect on substantive issues raised.

IT IS SO ORDERED, this the 1st day of December, 2014

Louis W. Elanagan

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